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THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT AFAOA



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ave et que Vale

One of the most colorful traditions of the USAF was the periodic "Dining In" during which newly assigned officers were welcomed and those departing were bid farewell - *Ave et que Vale* - Hail and farewell! A number of years ago I instituted a less formal process at the AFAOA annual banquets where we greeted new members and said farewell to those departing.

Time marches on and now it is my turn to experience nostalgically the going away part of this ritual. It is with great sadness that at the 1999 National Austin Convention I bid farewell to being president of the AFAOA. The sadness is tempered by the knowledge of the great achievements that have occurred within the AFAOA during the last ten years of my tenure in office.

Organizations are like the seasons, they come and they go. In 1990, the AFAOA entered a springtime of its history. It was a season of planting - of planting great genealogical ideas. The new ideas and concepts blossomed, they were nurtured with care and they flourished and grew. During the summer these ideas and concepts ripened and the AFAOA in particular and genealogy in general made great strides forward.

Bill Minnick's data base management has been unequaled and has set the standards for computerized genealogy. Jim and Liz Carlin undertook and completed the stupendous job of compiling and publishing the Richard Book.

Our genealogist, Bonnie Bigolin, has served us well as custodian of the Austin database. She has made it a valuable resource for those with Austin family problems.

I am tremendously proud of the achievements of each of these good people who have been outstanding during my tenure. Identifying special people, such as I have done above, in no way discounts the contributions made by other members who feel as strongly for the AFAOA and have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make it one of the best genealogy organizations in the world.

Our membership remains in the hundreds and I like to think of each individual as a cog in the big wheel that makes it work. I have personally met many of you and developed some beautiful friendships. Please accept my sincere thanks for being you.

Seasons march on and the AFAOA appears to be entering the autumn after a long productive summer. Let us look upon this as a season of rest and reflection as we chart our future course. One thing is certain, we cannot stand still. New challenges must be identified and plans formulated to achieve the goals.

With the changes in leadership this makes the future of the AFAOA the responsibility of each member. We have 300 members and certainly within this group there is talent and a desire to help the AFAOA continue to serve the Austins as timely and completely as in the past.

Think about this as the 1999 convention approaches. We need members to step forward and fill the shoes of those who are leaving. *Ave et que Vale!*

Hal Steiner
AFAOA President





New Members Welcomed

Mary J. Austin

P.O. Box 292485
Kettering, OH 45429
George Ed. ca 1900 (res. WI)

Peggy A. Bright

29 Elliot Place
Campbell, ACT 2612
Australia
Jbright@tpgi.com.au
Julius ca 1860/70 NC

B. Earl Carey

RR #4
Smith Falls, ONT
Canada, K7A455
William b. NY
Charles G. b. 1814 Canada

Gwyn Davis

2624 6th Ave. W. Apt 7
Dickinson, ND
Ancil Carmi b. 1829 NY
Louisa A. b. 1876

Sue H. Edwards

P.O. Box 681553
Franklin, TN 3768-1553
Washington Ca 1800
Hannah b. 1822 OH
Gage b. OH

Linda A. Pescosolido

1143 E. Marinette Ave.
Exeter, CA 93221-9616
(No ancestor information available)

Douglas S. Shipley

P.O. Box 392
Garrisonville, VA 22463
Thomas ca 1780 VA
Fannie b. 1817 VA
Peebly

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John Sr. of VA

Richard Austin

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Damascus, MD 20872-2242
Richard ca 1638 of MA

Valerie J. Austin

123 Hutton St.
Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2057
Richard ca 1638 of MA

Jeffery D. Austin

60 Spring Court
Many, LA 71449
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Michael b. ca 1828 GA
John J. b. ca 1851 LA
James M. b. 1872 LA
J. B. Roy

Nancy Blomgren

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nanblom@aol.com
(No ancestor information available)

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Bowie, MD 20715
Bartholomew b. 1759 NC/VA

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Houston, TX 77035-4131
vincsmith@aol.com
John ca 1627 England
John ca 1647 of CT
David b. 1669 CT
David b. 1703 CT
David b. 1732 CT
John P. b. 1774 CT
Andrew Y. b. 1803 CT
Charles W. b. 1833 CT
Andrew Y. b. 1870 TX

1999 National Austin Convention Agenda Items

Charles S. Mason Jr. will explain researching at NARA and the Library of Congress. The after-dinner speaker will be Sandy Clunies. Betty Shelhammer will talk on researching at the DAR library. Jim & Liz Carlin will talk on Genealogy on the Web and Bill Minnick will report on the Austin Computer Project. Bonnie Bigolin may say something about her experiences in researching Austins in the 1850 Census for Maine, as an inspiration for others who might be considering helping with the 1850 Census Project. Plan on attending!

Repository Holdings Washington, D.C.

The DAR Library

Open: Mon.-Fri. 8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.;
Closed: Sat. Open: Sun. 1-5 p.m.

Major collections of printed genealogies and town and county histories. Lineage books of members and DAR applications. Thousands of typescript volumes with family, church, cemetery and town records from all over the United States. Finding aids for using unpublished material in the collection. Analytic index for books, periodicals and for special projects.

The National Archives

Open: Mon. & Wed. 8:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Tue., Thurs., & Fri., 8:45 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Sat. 8:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Closed: Sun.

United States Census Records, 1790-1920. Federal Land Records for 30 States, 1800-1974, Bounty Land Warrants Application Files, 1775-1855. Homestead applications. Military Pension application files, 1775-1934. Compiled Military Service Records. Confederate and Union Service Records. Passenger lists, Customs and Immigration records, 1820-1954. Native American records. Records of all federal departments and agencies.

The Library of Congress

Open: Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Tue., Fri. & Sat. 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closed: Sun.

U. S. Local History and Geneal. Reading Room, with specialized card catalogs for genealogies and local histories. International geneal. and local history resources. City directories, 1785 – present. (An inventory of the collection is in the Local History and Geneal. Reading Room); NY Telephone Directories, 1878-1959. Manuscript Reading Room. Newspaper and current periodical reading room (newspapers from all over the U.S. from the 18th – 20th centuries are on microfilm). Geography and Map Reading Room (includes many types of U. S. maps from the early 19th century; Eastern European atlases and gazetteers). LDS Family Search Workstations.

AUSTIN FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

AN AUGUST 1979 GREETING TO AUSTINS,

We have had another fine year for this organization. We have been to 3 meetings and 2 family reunions this summer with little or no gas problems anywhere we traveled.

In this newsletter we have several items of interest--results of our meetings, additional new members, corrections, deaths reported, also a query page.

Our first meeting was at Jordan, MN June 2 & 3 with Mary Ann Volek as hostess. Had sightseeing in New Prague, the old restored hotel, park shops. Banquet was held at Branding Iron Restaurant, Jordan, and Sunday had picnic at Jordan Park and business meeting afterward with 19 present. Several recommendations were taken to National Meeting. We also had at N.E. meeting 19 persons there.

The N.E. meeting was at Concord, MA with Dr. and Mrs. Michael E. Austin as hosts, June 29 & 30. A bus tour of area historical places was enjoyed by everyone, with banquet and business meeting at Thoreau Room at the Colonial Inn Sat. evening. Recommendation was made to have dues \$3 per family per year as our costs have gone up also. Also asked for a "Hall of Fame" with a plaque to be given to Edith Austin Moore for her many years of genealogy and to our organization. This is to be the first of many.

At our National Convention meeting at Southern Pines, NC we enjoyed hospitality of 3 Austin brothers and their wives: Charles Wesley Austin and Sybil, Harold Stanley Austin and Georganne, and Edmund James Austin and Nan B. We toured some local stores & was enjoyed by all.

Banquet and business meeting was August 4 at Sheraton Convention banquet room with 28 present. Georganne gave welcome to guests for James Wesley Austin family. After the meal, she introduced Jerry and Carol Daeke (he is city councilman) who stood in for Mayor Emanuel Douglas who was out of town on business, and he presented us with a key to their city--a gold-plated gold putter! E. J. Austin was speaker giving history of their family.

Business meeting: Minutes of 1978 National Meeting read and approved. Minutes of area meetings also read. Treasurer's report read: \$347.84 balance. Motion was made to increase dues to \$3 to cover increased costs. Re-elected to 3 year terms were Oliver Austin, President and wife Lorena Austin, secretary-treasurer, Also re-elected were Clyde H. Austin, N. Central V.P., Dr. Michael E. Austin, N.E. area V.P., Janet Curtis, Western Area V.P., each for 1 year terms.

We had expected Edith Austin Moore to be able to attend our meeting but was unable to do so. We presented a plaque to the Association honoring Edith for her years of service and to be mailed to her promptly.

Invitations for 1980 meetings are:

1. Northeast Area: invitation to meet with family reunion June 1, Courtland, NY by Phillip and Jean Houck, 4001 Kinney Gulf Road, Courtland, NY 13045. Details later.

2. Central Area: will host the National Convention on August 1-3, probably Springfield, MO.

3. Anyone who wishes to make invitation for any area meeting, please do so before Feb. 1, 1980 as our newsletter is sent out to let members know in time for setting vacation times.

(Editor's Note: Listed next were New Members, Corrections and Deaths. These have been omitted here).

The 1979 Reunion Booklet containing sections on Austin Coats of Arms, Austin Immigrants to America, and a Bibliography of Austin books and manuscripts is available post paid for \$3.50 by writing Janet Austin Curtis, 3329 Santa Clara SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106.

Have an Austin ancestor you can't track down? Janet Curtis may have the answer in her files! 40 years of searching Court, Census and archival material at her finger tips. It takes time to search all of this so she requests you please enclose a \$5 check with your first inquiry, after that on an exchange basis. It helps if you enclose a pedigree chart and family group sheet on your earliest Austin ancestor. S.A.S.E. please.

We sincerely hope you have a good year, and we will write in Feb. '80 as to meetings, and we hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Oliver and Lorena Austin
August 1979

(Editor's comment: 20 years have passed and we are now about to gather together for our 1999 National Austin Convention, Washington, DC, August 6, 7 and 8, 1999 at the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street SW at the corner of C and 6th streets, and we may have to worry only about the price of, not the availability of gasoline. As you can see, the AFAOA was gathering in area meetings AND for the National Meeting with quite reasonable numbers of people responding. It is interesting how the cost of living has raised the yearly dues to \$15 from \$3 20 years ago, but queries to the AFAOA Genealogist are still \$5 today!)

Social Security Locator Service

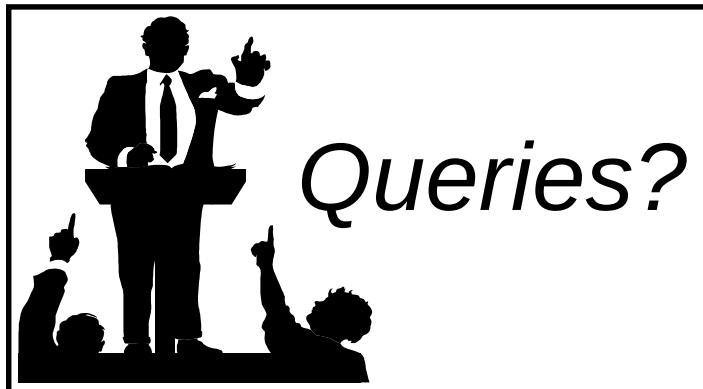
Did you know the Social Security Administration provides a letter forwarding service? Here's how it works: You will need to write two letters, one to the manager of your local Social Security Office, and another to the person you're trying to locate.

The letter to the manager must explain your purpose for having this person located. Social Security will need the person's name, date of birth, social security number, last known address, and any available parental information. *Remember, the more information you can provide to Social Security, the better your chances of having your letter successfully forwarded.*

Now what about the second letter? You must enclose it in a stamped, unsealed envelope (Social Security will need to review it for security reasons). Place the unsealed envelope containing the second letter inside a larger envelope along with your first letter to the local agency and address it to your local Social Security office.

For more information on Social Security's locator service, call 1-800-772-1213.

(Editor's Note: Has anyone tried this? Did it work? Please write and share your experiences with us. Thank you.)



*AUSTIN QUERIES - Please send all new queries to the following address. In responding to any of the following queries, please write directly to the submitter, **also sending a copy to:***

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Q9-2,1 - Douglas S. Shipley, 101 Basalt Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22406. ship.iv@juno.com

My great grandmother Pearl told the story of her great grandmother Fanny Austin, born about 1817 in or around Fluvanna Co, VA, who had noticed an Indian slave as he ran in a footrace, and asked her father to buy him for her. He was Frank Peebley and in the 1860 census they are living in Fishing River township, Clay, MO with some of their 13 children.

In trying to verify this information, I found a Thomas Austin who bought land in 1831 in Fishing River. He had no family, but he had a number of mulatto(black/white) slaves, and in his will he names Fanny and her oldest children Peter, Marie, Jack, Riley, and Frank. Thomas died in 1853, and his will directed that his slaves be freed and that his estate's proceeds were to be divided among the freed adults. Fanny received \$800 as part of her inheritance.

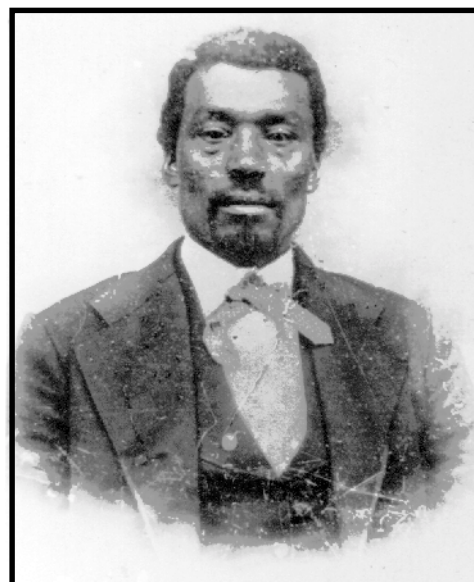
Adjoining Thomas Austin's property was Thomas Peebley, who died in 1858, and his Indian/black slave Frank Peebley was sold at auction to Fanny Austin.

From the 1850 census, Thomas Austin was born about 1780 in Virginia. I found no record of a Thomas in Fluvanna Co., but in adjoining Albemarle Co., there is a Thomas, who about 1822 becomes the administrator of his father Henry's estate. (Henry, Samuel, Henry).

Does anyone have information that might connect this VA Thomas to the Thomas of Fishing River, MO?



Fanny Austin



Frank Peebley

Caleb Austin E-mail Research Group Formed

A group of Caleb Austin (1777) researchers has formed an E-mail research group to consolidate their research efforts. The goals of the group are to share research information, revisit previously researched areas and prove or disprove the many theories concerning this line. All communication is done by E-mail and attachment files. There are currently nine members of the AFAOA in the research group. Current members are Terri L. Wilson, Scott Lynch, Mary C. Austin, Margaret Waldrep, Kathie Austin Padgett, Dorris Wells Miller, Dale Austin, Corinne McClure Moyer and Wayne Austin. If a Caleb Austin researcher would like to join the group, please contact Scott Lynch.

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Fall Issue is August 19, 1999 Please
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2. _____

3. _____

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Enclosed is my check, payable to "**Austin Convention**", for:

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Thankyou - and we'll see ya there!